

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ASCENCION ALVEREZ-TEJADA,

Defendant.

NO. CR-05-126-RHW-11

**ORDER CONTINUING
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE AND
TRIAL**

A pretrial hearing was held on February 8, 2006. Defendant was present and represented by Robert Caruso. The Government was represented by Russell Smoot. At the beginning of the hearing, James Egan notified the Court that Defendant's family had retained him to represent Defendant in this matter. The Court granted Mr. Egan's request to substitute as counsel of record for Defendant.

Mr. Egan asked the Court to continue the pretrial and trial date to allow him to more adequately prepare for trial. The Government did not object to a continuance.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Mr. Egan's request to substitute as counsel of record is **GRANTED**. Mr. Caruso is withdrawn as counsel of record. Mr. Caruso is directed to provide all of his file materials to Mr. Egan forthwith and, to the extent necessary, assist Mr. Egan in becoming fully apprised of the facts in this case.

2. The Government's Motion to Sever (Ct. Rec. 612) is **GRANTED**.

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3. A pretrial conference is set for **March 8, 2006**, at **9:00 a.m.**, in Spokane, Washington. All pending pretrial motions will be heard at this time.

4. Defendant is directed to file any additional pretrial motions on or before **February 22, 2006.**

5. The current trial date of February 27, 2006, is **stricken**. Trial is **reset** to **March 27, 2006**, in Spokane, Washington, at 9:00 a.m. Counsel shall appear in chambers at 8:30 a.m.

6. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1), the time between February 27, 2006, the current trial date, until March 27, 2006, the new trial date, is **DECLARED EXCLUDABLE** for purposes of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court finds that the ends of justice served by such a continuance outweigh the interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this order and to provide copies to counsel.

DATED the 10th day of February, 2006.

s/ Robert H. Whaley
ROBERT H. WHALEY
Chief United States District Judge

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